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Applicant : Kaoru ARAI et al.

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For : CERAMIC COMPOSITE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111  
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 16, 2001**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2001, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response October 16, 2001.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month until November 16, 2001, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with this reply or any fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.